Name of District	No. of Exchanges
5. Dharmapuri	103
6. Dindigul	63
7. Erode	108
8. Kancheepuram	51
9. Kanyakumari	33
10. Karur	45
11. Madurai	58
12. Nagapattinam	53
13. Namakkal	75
14. Perambalur	27
15. Pudukottai	50
16. Ramanathapuram	51
17. Salem	140
18. Sivaganga	48
19. Thanjavur	68
20. The Nilgiris	36
21. Theni	22
22. Thiruvarur	34
23. Thrunelveli	77
24. Tiruvannamalai	55
25. Tiruvellore	47
26. Trichy	76
27. Tuticorin	65
28. Vellore	85
29. Vilupuram	65
30. Virudhunagar	47
TOTAL:	1920

Industrially Backward States

224. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States which are recognised by Government as industrially backward;

(b) the measures taken-up to develop the infrastructures of industries to those industrially backward States; and

(c) whether Government have any plan for the North-East States to release fund for deveopment of industries on the basis of Government's policy of 10 per cent loan, 90 per cent grant to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under the Income-Tax Act, States which have been recognized as industrially backward for purposes of tax holiday benefits under section 80 IB are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.

(b) The Deptt. of Industrial Policy & Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has separate schemes for the development of industrially backward areas. Under the Growth Centre Scheme, sites are selected and project reports submitted by State Governments which are apprised by Financial Institutions. Out of 68 Growth Centres approved so far, 8 are in the North-eastern Region. The Transport Subsidy Scheme further facilities industrialization in the North-Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and eight hill districts of Uttanchal and Darjeeling district of West Bengal. The other schemes administered include central capital Investment scheme, central Interest subsidy scheme and central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme.

(c) Funds are being released specifically to North-Eastern States under non-lapsable pool as recommended by the Planning Commission for implementation of various projects in North-Eastern States. Central assistance to North-Eastern States is released in the form of 90% grant and 10% loan. There is no plan in the Deptt. of Expenditure for the development of industries in the form of 10% loan and 90% grant.